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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application Serial No. 09/688,848
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Molecules Associated with Plants
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) are the following documents:

1. Response to Restriction Requirement; and
2. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time (other than those provided herewith) are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-1824. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Sincerely,

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